Coal block awarded to private sector for exploitation

1787. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to award coal blocks to private sector for exploitation of coal deposits;

(b) if so, the details of coal blocks awarded to private sector and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether the awarding of coal blocks to private sector will help Government in saving the loss making subsidiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Considering the need to augment power generation and to create additional capacity during the VIII Plan period, the Government decided to allow private participation in the Power Sector. The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 was amended *w.e.f.* 9.6.1993 to allow private sector participation in coal mining for generation of power, for washing of coal obtained from a mine or for other end uses to be notified by Government from time to time in addition to the existing provision for the production of iron and steel. Mining of coal for production of cement was also permitted by the Government vide notification dated 15.3.1996.

At present 121 coal mining blocks/sub-blocks under Coal India Limited and 7 blocks under Singareni Collieries Company Limited have been identified for mining by public/private sector companies for specified end use on captive basis.

(b) As on date, 27 coal blocks stand allotted for captive mining

details of which are given in the Statement *(See* below). Following are the general terms and conditions stipulated while alloting the blocks for captive mining :—

1. The party should take necessary action for obtaining lease of mining rights and also comply with various legal/commercial formalities for development of the block within a period of six months.

2. The party should also interact with the concerned coal company for payment of exploration charges, if any, within a period of six months.

3. The party should finalise the arrangements for transport of coal in consultation with Ministry of Railways.

(c) As the list of blocks identified for captive raining is outside the list of blocks reserved for mining by CIL & its subsidiary coal companies, allocation of coal blocks for mining by public/private sector parties for specified end use on captive basis has no relationship with profit or loss of any subsidiary company of Coal India Ltd.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

Statement

Details of captive mining blocks which stand allotted as on 28.11.2001

SI N	Name of the party	Date of allotment	Block allocated	End Use
1	2	3	4	5
1.	M/s RPG Industries/ CESC Ltd.	10.08.1993	Sarisatolli	Power Generation
2.	M/s Kalinga Power	10.08.1993	Utkal-A	Power Generation
3.	M/s INDALCO	25.02.1994	Talabira-I	Power Generation
4.	M/s WBSEB	14.07.1995	Tara (East)	Power Generation
5.	M/s SAIL	26.02.1996	Tasra	Steel-Production

1	2	3	4	5
6.	M/s WBPDCL	17.04.1996	Tara(West)	Power Generation
7.	M/s Talchcr Mining Pvt. Ltd(VBI	02.02.1996	Utkal-Bl	Power Generation
8.	M/s BLA Industries	21.06.1996	Gotitoria (East)	Power Generation
9.	M/s BLA Industries	21.06.1996	Gotitoria (West)	Power Generation
10.	M/s Jindal Strips Ltd.	20.06.1996	Care-Palma-IV/1	Sponge Iron Production
11.	M/s Monnet Ispat	21.06.1996	Gare-Palma-IV/5	Sponge Iron Production
12.	M/s Uoyds Metals	9.12.1997 29.5.1998	Takli-Jena-Iron Bellore (North)	Sponge Production
13.	M/s Central Collieries	29.5.1998	Takli-Jena Bellora (South)	Power Generation-cum-Washery
14.	M/s Jindal Power Ltd.	01.7.1998	Gare-Palma-IV/2	Power Generation
15.	M/s Jindal Power Ltd.	01.7.1998	Gare-Palma-IV/3	Power Generation
16.	M/s Utkal Coal Ltd. (formerly ICCL)	29.5.1998	Utkal-C	Power Generation
17.	M/s Jayaswal Neco Ltd.	16.8.1999	Gare-Palma-IV/4	Sponge Iron Production
18.	M/s Monnet Ispat	16.8.1999	Utkal-B2	Sponge Iron Production
19.	M/s Garuda Clays Ltd.	25.4.2000	West of Umaria (Provisional)	Cement Production
20.	M/s Jayaswal Neco Ltd.	25.4.2000	Choritand-Tiliya (Provisional)	Steel Production/ Captive Power Plant
21.	M/s Jayaswal Neco Ltd.	25.4.2000	Jogeshwar (Provisional)	Steel Production/ Captive Power Plant
22.	M/s Prakasb Industries Ltd.	25.4.2000	Chotia (Provisional)	Sponge Iron

1	2	3	4	5
23.	M/s Raipur Alloys & Steel Ltd.	25.4.2000	Gare-Palma-IV/7	Sponge Iron Production/Captive Power Plant
24.	M/s B.S. Ispat	25.4.2000	Marki-Mangli	Sponge Iron Production
25.	M/s Orissa Mining Corpn. Ltd.	10.7.2001	Utkal-D	Power Generation
26.	M/s Punjab State Electricity Board	9/10.7.2001	Pachwara Central	Power Generation
27.	M/s GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Ltd.	28.11.2001	Tokisud North	Power Generation

Vacancies in NALCO

1788. SHRI BJ. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NALCO is operating without a full time CMD, Director Finance and Director Personnel; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government have taken to fill up the vacancies within a fixed time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The posts of Chairman-cum-Managing Director and Director (Personnel & Administration) in National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) are vacant.

(b) The Government is in the process of filling up of these posts expeditiously.